

SUICIDE ENDS VIGIL BY WIFE HE KILLED.

Moneyless Promoter Who Murdered Sleeping Woman Later Cut Two of His Own Arteries and Died in Same Room in Boarding-House.

A husband and wife were found dead in their boarding-house room at No. 49 West Ninety-fourth street to-day.

The throat of the woman had been cut from ear to ear. There was a bullet in her brain. Likewise was the throat of the man cut and an artery in his right leg had been severed.

The police concluded that the man had shot his wife, then cut her throat, during the night, and that after having spent several hours in the room with the body he had killed himself. The tragedy was bloody and complete.

The couple were Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Worthen. Worthen was a promoter, with an office at No. 10 Barclay street. In August, 1899, he was arrested charged with defrauding Reuben R. Lanier out of \$1,000 in connection with a scheme for a company to sell American goods in Cuba.

Worthen was about fifty-five years old. He had but one leg. He told his acquaintances that he lost his left leg in a railroad accident out West some years ago and that he had received \$4,000 damages from the railroad company.

The stump of this leg pained him a great deal. He told several persons at his office yesterday that he feared that he might have to undergo an operation. This, taken together with the fact that he apparently had no money, is thought to have been the cause for his terrible crime.

Occupied Front Room.

The Worthens occupied a front room on the second floor of Mrs. Fothergill's boarding-house. They had been there for several months. They seemed devoted to each other. Mrs. Worthen

MRS. HAINES TO CRUISE IN YACHT.

Declares She Was Persecuted, and Rejoices Over Her Complete Vindication.

(Special to The Evening World.)

MT. HOLLY, N. J., April 3.—In a crowded court room, filled mainly with people who were hostile to her, Mrs. Mabel Fenton Haines heard a jury of twelve men declare to-day that she is innocent of the murder of her stepchild.

She had persisted all along that she would be acquitted, but for all her courage and her hope there was apparent in her face the dread of a conviction. She sat quite still when the jury filed back into the room at 11:35 o'clock, having been out less than an hour and a half.

She swept the twelve men with her brilliant eyes, and the pallor of her face was almost pitiful. But there was no twinging. She had steeled herself to hear the worst, if it must be.

By her side sat her husband, whose child by his former wife she was accused of killing, but who has with wonderful steadfastness maintained a sublime faith in her. He too was painfully nervous, but he tried hard not to show it.

When the words that meant her liberty were spoken there was not a sound in the court room. Then there came a gasp of joy, of relief, at the end of the strain and husband and wife were in each others arms.

Their joy was contagious somewhat, and a few of their friends made a demonstration in their behalf.

Mrs. Haines says she was a victim of persecution and spite.

Her health has been impaired by imprisonment and she contemplates a cruise in a handsome yacht which has been placed at the disposal of her husband.

She will spend the night with her mother at Bridgeboro, but says nothing as to her future plans.

"I am a promoter," she said, "the charge that I killed the child I loved."

HER WILL DID NOT MAKE ANY REQUESTS.

The will of Mrs. Sarah Lloyd Hartshorne, filed this afternoon, was upon a printed form, and the good woman filled out all the blank spaces except the one where bequests should be written. In James Mott Hartshorne, of No. 515 Madison avenue, Mrs. Louise Hartshorne Leeds (formerly Moore), of No. 11 East Sixty-fifth street, and Ethel Hartshorne Wood, of Greenwich, Conn., her children, are named as executors. They and the witnesses apparently overlooked the queer omission in the will. Mrs. Hartshorne left an estate which is "estimated" to be "more than \$25,000."

TO TRY AL ADAMS.

District-Attorney Jerome has decided that the trial of Al Adams, the policy king, will be moved next week, with Assistant District-Attorney Schurman as prosecutor.

FATAL CRASH IN SMOKY TUNNEL.

A hand-car in charge of Track Foreman Griffin, with eleven men aboard, ran into the rear of a freight train in the West Shore tunnel, in Weehawken, this afternoon. Griffin and four of the men were seriously injured. One of them, Camillo Centzka, will die.

The tunnel was so full of smoke that the men on the car could not see the danger signals on the freight, which had stopped in the tunnel. The men were taken to the North Hudson County Hospital.

MILES BEAT ASHWORTH.

LONDON, April 3.—The final game in the amateur racquets championship contest was played at the Queen's Club here to-day, and resulted in E. H. Miles defeating Percy Ashworth by 3-0. Miles will play the holder of the championship, Longworth, on Saturday.

ONE WILL DIE FROM WEST SHORE ACCIDENT.

Hand Car Smashed Into Freight Train Men Could Not See.

CONFESSES TO THE LETTERS.

Principal McGlelland's Wife Says She Wrote Rowayton Missives.

MISS ERVIN TO PROSECUTE

Teacher Who Was Accused Is Not Satisfied and Wants Full Vindication.

(Special to The Evening World.)

ROWAYTON, Conn., April 3.—Another sensation in the famous letter-writing scandal has stirred this place. Just as interest in the arrest of School Principal John W. McGlelland was waning, Mrs. McGlelland, his wife, pushed by the friends of Miss Elizabeth A. Ervin, has confessed to writing the letters.

Ever since Miss Ervin, who was at first accused by the McGlellands of being the author of the missives, satisfied the public that she was innocent, suspicion was directed against the principal and his wife.

Miss McGlelland was taken into custody some days ago and his resignation as principal of the Rowayton school demanded it was supposed that the climax had about been reached.

As the objectionable letters were all in a feminine hand, though, the friends of Miss Ervin, who have been diligent in prosecuting the case ever since she was accused, followed the matter closely, determined to find the person who wrote the letters, they believing McGlelland to be only the instigator or an accessory.

The result of their work, it is said, was the full admission to-day of Mrs. McGlelland that it was she who had written the letters, and was wholly responsible for them.

This confession, it is argued, is intended to free her husband, the impression being strengthened by the fact that she professes contrition for the act and says she will enter a retreat.

Miss Ervin, who is fully endorsed by this latest development, says that she will prosecute Mrs. McGlelland whether she enters a retreat or not. She suffered too much, she declares, to let the matter drop quietly.

Last fall when the letter-writing was at its height and Rowayton was scandalized, clergymen and others getting the missives, Principal McGlelland accused Miss Ervin of the authorship of them, and denounced her in the presence of other teachers. He read two or three letters which he said he and his wife had received and charged Miss Ervin with writing them. She hotly denied the charge.

Other letters a little more vile and threatening were sent through the local office the next day. Public opinion set in strongly against Miss Ervin, and it became much intensified a few days later when Mrs. McGlelland, the principal's wife, turned over a sealed, addressed and stamped letter, intended for a well-known Rowayton woman, to Constable Ludgion, who was put on the case by the Rowayton School Board, which proved to be of the same kind as those described. Mrs. McGlelland declared that she saw Miss Ervin drop the letter that morning while on the way to school, and she picked it up.

The tide of public sentiment was stemmed a few days later, or on the morning of last New Year's Day, by the publication of a story from Burnside, in this State, giving details of a letter-writing scandal in that village a year before, when the McGlellands were living there.

McGlelland, who held a place in the Burnside school, charged one of his teachers with writing letters of an evil character to himself and to prominent persons of the town.

Their authorship was not proved and the matter never got into court, but McGlelland's term as principal expired a few weeks later and he was not re-engaged.

Left No Loophole.

Would he kill himself or escape? It must have taken him some time to make up his mind. In any event, he decided on death for himself, and with a sureness that meant no mistake he hacked away first at his ankle and then at his throat until he had no more strength for effort.

Then he toppled back on the bed. It may be that he was even alive when Mrs. Fothergill first rapped at the door.

It was said that no one in the house heard the pistol shot. Three sisters in the next room insisted that they heard nothing during the night.

Mrs. Fothergill said that Worthen gave her a check for \$100 yesterday. It came back to-day marked "no funds." She also holds his notes for \$200 in payment for board.

Worthen has a nephew, Richard D. Cluff, an insurance agent, No. 66 West One Hundred and Seventeenth street.

Worthen's most recent scheme had to do with an adding machine, before that he was connected with the Glens Falls Insurance Company.

Accused Negro Shot.

NORFOLK, Va., April 3.—James Early, a negro, who attacked a white woman, was shot and mortally wounded by passengers on a train on which he was being taken from Denton to Hertford for safety.

ATLANTIC CITY FIRE SWEEPED; BAND OF THIEVES IS BLAMED.

Incendiaries Believed to Have Started Blaze That Raged for Five Hours and Destroyed Ten Big Hotels—Loss at Least \$2,000,000—Philadelphia Firemen Raced Across New Jersey.

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FOODY CHARGES READY TO-MORROW.

District-Attorney Jerome said late this afternoon that the charges against Capt. Foody would not be ready until to-morrow, when they will be sent to Commissioner Partridge. With them will go charges against another officer, Capt. Herley, who will be put on trial in the General Sessions some time this month.

CLERKS ROBBING CITY, RUSSELL SAYS.

At the meeting of the Board of Estimate to-day William Russell, Commissioner of Accounts, made the following announcement: "We are now engaged in investigating the accounts of one department in which the clerks have systematically robbed the city of thousands of dollars."

THURSTON KNEW THE POLICEMAN.

Policeman Benson, of the West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street station, was up before Deputy Commissioner Thurston this afternoon charged by a citizen with failing to disperse a crowd of boys playing in the street in West One Hundred and Twenty-fourth street. Asked whether the policeman was insolent to him the complainant answered that he was not. The Deputy Commissioner said he was sure of it, as Benson had served under him in the army seven years and was a faithful man. The complaint was withdrawn.

DIKE'S PLEA DENIED.

An application of Norman S. Dike to the Appellate Division of the Brooklyn Supreme Court for a general stay preventing any justice from granting any order or vacating any stay in the Sheriff's fight pending final settlement of the question by the Court of Appeals was denied to-day. The Court, however, set April 8 for the hearing on Dike's appeal from Justice Ayner's decision in favor of Guden.

HELD FOR RUNNING OVER BOY AND KILLING HIM.

Jacob Rosin, of No. 73 Leonard street, was held to await the action of the Coroner this afternoon in the Essex Market Court, for running over and killing a boy while driving a wagon rapidly in Madison street. Little six-year-old Henry McCarthy, who lived at No. 303 Madison street, in crossing the street, was run down by the wagon and he died before an ambulance could arrive. Rosen declared that the fatality was an accident, but Policeman O'Farrell said bystanders told him the man was driving so rapidly that the boy had no chance to get out of the way.

SUGAR TRUST GETS BACK \$61,608.

Judge Lacombe to-day handed down a decision awarding the American Sugar Refining Company a judgment against Collector Bidwell for \$61,608, with interest from Oct. 27, 1900. This sum was paid on that date for duties on raw sugar from our new insular possessions, and under the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court the exacting of the duty was illegal.

ALLEGED "MOONSHINER" SAYS HE WAS EXPERIMENTING.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields to-day on a charge of operating an illicit still, Moses Schoenberg, of No. 9 Birmingham street, made this unique defense: "I admit I had a still in operation. I was not making whiskey, but just experimenting with a patent. Schoenberg was held for examination."

HELD FOR STEALING BABY CARRIAGES.

Jacob Katz, of No. 166 Second street, and Harry Schomer and Max Levy, of No. 155 Second street, were held for trial this afternoon in Yorkville Court on a charge of stealing baby carriages, and specifically one from Mrs. Louis Sinegold, No. 234 East Thirty-first street.

REVOLUTIONISTS INVADE MACEDONIA.

LONDON, April 3.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Sofia, Bulgaria, says: "It is reported that fourteen revolutionary bands crossed the frontier into Macedonia during the past few days. They were well armed and provisioned."

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PROGRESS OF FLAMES STOPPED; AID FROM OUTSIDE JUST IN TIME.

Entire Eastern Section of City Was Threatened When Engines Arrived from Philadelphia and Camden.

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ATLANTIC CITY, April 3.—The opportune arrival of three engine companies from Philadelphia and six from Camden saved the entire eastern section of Atlantic City from destruction by fire to-day. As it was a blaze that was fanned by a high wind fed on the wooden buildings along the beach front for five hours before it was brought under control. The fire-swept area covers three blocks and the loss will approximate \$2,000,000. Very little insurance was carried.

The local Fire Department was worn out at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Many of the men had been crippled by falling walls, live wires and other

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BOYS IN POOR CLOTHES BARRED.

Turned out of school because he was poorly dressed, was the story told to-day by Antonio de Mario, nine years old, when he was taken before Judge Hoos, in the Gregory Street Court, Jersey City, to-day on a charge preferred by his father, who had sworn out a warrant for the boy charging him with having stolen 50 cents.

The boy, whose kin was on a level with the railing at which the prisoners are assigned, asked the Court whether his father was present. When he was answered in the negative he said he thought he ought to be allowed to go.

"I think so, too," said Judge Hoos. "You are discharged."

The boy's face and hands were very dirty, his trousers were patched in many places and his coat was a great deal too big for him, but he was a bright and manly little fellow and the Judge took an interest in him.

In answer to a question as to whether he wanted to go to school, the lad made the surprising statement that he had been to school, but that the teacher turned him out because he was shabbily dressed.

"I said he had attended school to-day, but that he had been told to stay away until he could come properly dressed. He said his father was a cripple and unable to do much work and that his mother could not afford to buy clothes for him. He was anxious to go to school, he said, but he did not know where he was going to get any better clothes. He said that his parents lived at No. 188 Twelfth street, Jersey City."

Ex-President Mulvaney, of the Public School Board, who was present in the courtroom and heard the boy's story, said he believed it was true, as he had heard similar tales before. Judge Hoos declared it a shame that poverty should stand in the way of any child receiving an education, and he told the boy he would see what he could do to help him.

THREW PURSE IN HANOTAUX'S FACE.

PARIS, April 3.—There was a sensational incident at the opening session of the National Geographical Congress at Orlan, Algeria.

As M. Hanotaux, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, who presided, delivered the inaugural address and distributed a number of decorations, was leaving the hall accompanied by the local officials, a young woman clutched his arm and said something in an undertone.

M. Hanotaux replied audibly, "You can do whatever you please."

The woman thereupon threw a purse in his face, crying at the same time, "You are a coward and a wretch. You have ruined my life."

She then struck M. Hanotaux in the face with her reticule. A police commissary seized her and placed his hand over her mouth, to prevent her from saying more. The woman was taken to a police depot, where she was interrogated and released, at the request of her parents.

WOMAN ATTACKED THE EX-FOREIGN MINISTER.

Charged Him with Ruining Her Life, and Struck Him Twice—Arrested and Released.

TO-NIGHT'S EVENTS.

Circus at Madison Square Garden.

Address by Lewis Nixon, No. 1915 Broadway.

Baptist Social Union, Hotel Savoy.

Electrical Society, "Vapor Lamps," No. 227 East Ninth street.

Meeting in memory of John P. Altgeld, Cooper Union.

People's Institute, Harlem branch, lecture.

East Side Evening High School for Women, recreation, East Broadway and Second street.

Reino Post, G. A. R. hall, Lexington Opera-house.

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